STRABANE UNION.

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RETURN to an ORDER of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 20 April 1842;—*for*,

COPIES of any CORRESPONDENCE between the POOR LAW COMMISSIONERS and the BOARD OF GUARDIANS of the *Strabane* Union, relative to the Presentation of an Account of the Sums Paid to the Contractors when the House was declared to be complete; together with an Estimate of the further Sums proposed to be levied off the said Union; and a Statement of the Purposes to which they are intended to be applied.

(Lord Claud Hamilton.)

Poor Law Commission Office, Dublin, 25 May 1842.

ARTHUR MOORE, Chief Clerk.

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I.—CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

No. 1.—EXTRACT from MINUTES of Board of Guardians, 26 October 1841.

(No. 9965 D. 41.)

RESOLVED, That the Commissioners are requested to order that an account of the expense of placing boilers, stoves, and pipes, in the Strabane Union Workhouse, shall be furnished as speedily as possible to the clerk.

No. 2.—EXTRACT from LETTER of Poor Law Commissioners to the Board of Guardians.

(No. 9965 D. 41.)

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin, 30 Oct. 1841.

Sir,

THE Poor Law Commissioners have had under consideration the resolutions of the Strabane Guardians, passed at their last meeting, and desire to acquaint them, with respect to the expense of the boilers, stoves, and pipes, that the account in detail for all extra works shall be furnished to the Guardians as soon as it has been examined and verified by the architect.

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(By order of the Board,)

(signed) *Arthur Moore,*
Chief Clerk.

No. 3.—EXTRACT from MINUTES of Board of Guardians, 7 December 1841.

(No. 11260 D. 41.)

MOVED by Captain Sinclair, seconded by Major Humphreys, and unanimously agreed to:—" The Guardians of the Strabane Union earnestly request the Poor Law Commissioners to order that an account shall be furnished as speedily as possible to their clerk, of the mode in which the sum of 8,300 *l.*, the property of their Union, which was placed in the hands of the Commissioners in the year 1840, has been disposed of.

" The annual election of Guardians is at hand, and the rate-payers will naturally ask an account from those whom they placed their trust in for the bygone year, of the expenditure of this money to so large an amount, and the Guardians hope the Commissioners will enable them to gratify their reasonable desires."

No. 4.—COPY of LETTER from the Poor Law Commissioners to the Board of Guardians.

(No. 11260 D. 41.)

Poor Law Commission Office, Dublin,
18 December 1841.

Sir,

THE Poor Law Commissioners have had under consideration minutes of proceedings of the Board of Guardians of the Strabane Union, on the 7th instant, and in reference to the resolution relative to the accounts of the contractors for building the workhouse, the Commissioners desire to refer the Board of Guardians to the letter addressed to them on the 30th October last, and to state that the accounts have not yet been received from the contractors.

(By order of the Board,)

(signed) *Arthur Moore,*
Chief Clerk.

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No. 5.—EXTRACT from MINUTES of Board of Guardians, 25 January 1842.

(No. 1068 D. 42.)

MOVED by Captain Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Keys, and unanimously agreed to, "That repeated applications having been made to the Poor Law Commissioners for an account of the mode in which the sum of 8,300 *l.*, the property of the Strabane Union, which was placed in their hands in the year 1840 has been expended, and no answer having been returned, the Guardians again apply for an account, and respectfully request that it shall be furnished before this day fortnight."

No. 6.—COPY of LETTER from the Poor Law Commissioners to the Board of Guardians.

(No. 1068 D. 42.)

Poor Law Commission Office, Dublin,
31 January 1842.

Sir,

THE Poor Law Commissioners have had before them minutes of proceedings of the Board of Guardians of the Strabane Union on the 23d instant, and in reference to the resolution relative to the expenditure of the loan of 8,300 *l.*, they forward for the information of the Board of Guardians the enclosed account of the loan and the expenditure therefrom; but the account for building the workhouse not having yet been received from the contractor, the account of the loan cannot at present be closed; the Commissioners will, however, communicate with the contractor and their architect, with a view to this being done as soon as is practicable.

(By order of the Board,)

(signed) *Arthur Moore,*
Chief Clerk.

ENCLOSURE in foregoing Letter.

ESTIMATE upon which the Order to Borrow £. 8,300 was grounded, and for the Loan of which application was duly made by the Guardians.

	£.	s.	d.
Amount of contract for building the workhouse - - - - - -	6,885	–	–
Estimated cost of fittings and works, not provided for by the contract -	800	–	–
Contingencies to be provided for, such as payment of clerk of works' salary, and law expenses, &c. - - - - - - - - - -	615	–	–
£.	8,300	–	–

STATEMENT of Expenditure out of the Loan of £. 8,300.

Dr.

1840:		£.	s.	d.
April - - 9	To amount of advance made by the Exchequer Bill Loan Commissioners, for which a deed of charge was duly executed by the Guardians - - - - -	2,000	–	–
September - 17	Ditto - - - - ditto - - - - - - - -	3,000	–	–
December - 24	Ditto - - - - ditto - - - - - - - -	3,300	–	–
	Interest which has accrued on the Exchequer Bills -	64	9	2
	Premium - - - - - - - - - -	–	1	–
	£.	8,364	10	2

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		£.	s.	d.
1840:				
May - - 6	Paid to Mr. Michael Stedman, clerk of works, salary and contingent expenses, from 27th November 1839, being the date of his appointment, to 17 December 1839 - - - - - - -	4	14	8
May - - 18	„ Provincial Bank, to reimburse the Guardians the amount advanced to Mr. Patrick Logue, for his interest in the workhouse site - - -	80	–	–
June - - 4	„ Messrs. Patterson & Co., contractors for erecting the workhouse, being the 1st instalment under their contract - - - - - - -	850	–	–
July - - 9	„ Ditto - - - - 2d instalment ditto - -	1,000	–	–
August - - 0	„ Mr. Jeremiah Seymour, clerk of works, salary and contingent expenses, from 10th March to 30th June - - - - - - - - -	34	–	3
August - - 20	„ Ditto - - - ditto, from 1st to 31st July -	9	9	5
September - 18	„ Publishers of the General Advertiser, for advertising notice to builders, inviting tenders to erect the workhouse - - - - - -	1	11	6
September - 24	„ Messrs. Patterson & Co., 3d instalment under their contract - - - - - - -	900	–	–
—	„ Mr. Seymour, salary and contingent expenses, from 1st to 31st August - - - -	9	9	5
October - 1	„ Messrs. Patterson & Co., 4th instalment under their contract - - - - - - -	1,000	–	–
October - 14	„ Mr. Seymour, salary and contingent expenses, from 1st to 30th September - - - -	9	–	6
October - 27	„ Messrs. Patterson & Co., 5th instalment under their contract - - - - - - -	1,000	–	–
November - 17	„ Mr. Seymour, salary and contingent expenses, from 1st to 31st October - - - -	9	6	11
December - 29	„ Ditto - - - - ditto, 1st to 30th November -	8	16	1
1841:				
January - 20	„ Messrs. Patterson & Co., 8th instalment under their contract - - - - - - - -	1,000	–	–
January - 23	„ Mr. Seymour, salary and contingent expenses, from 1st to 31st December - - - - -	9	11	4
March - - 2	„ Ditto - - - - ditto, 1st to 31st January -	9	3	1
March - - 11	„ Ditto - - - - ditto, 1st to 28th February -	8	11	11
May - - 27	„ Messrs. Patterson & Co., 7th instalment - -	800	–	–
May - - 31	„ Mr. Seymour, salary and contingent expenses, from 1st March to 30th April - - -	19	3	7
June - - 19	„ Ditto - - - - ditto, 1st to 31st May - -	9	3	–
July - - 24	„ Ditto - - - - ditto, 1st to 30th June -	9	3	4
—	„ Messrs. Perry, for ironmongery supplied at the workhouse - - - - - - - -	90	18	2
August - - 28	„ Mr. Seymour, salary and contingent expenses, from 1st to 31st July - - - - - -	9	10	–
October - 16	„ Ditto - - - - ditto, 1st August to 30th September - - - - - - - -	18	8	2
November - 6	„ Messrs. Patterson & Co., 8th instalment - -	500	–	–
November - 27	„ Mr. Barney, for drawing plan of workhouse site on deed of conveyance - - - - -	–	5	–
December - 6	„ Mr. T. Smith, amount of account for furniture supplied at the workhouse - - - -	111	8	–

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		£. s. d.
1842: January - 20	Paid Mr. Seymour, salary and contingent expenses, from 1st October to 31st December - -	4 10 9
—	„ Fees to Messrs. Barnes & Winter, solicitors, for the Exchequer Bill Loan Commissioners, for preparing three deeds of charge, being on the usual scale - - - - - - - -	31 10 –
—	„ Commission on sale of Exchequer Bills - -	– 1 –
	£.	7,527 13 11
	Balance of the Loan in hands - -	836 16 3
	£.	8,364 10 2

(By Order of the Board,)

(signed) *Arthur Moore*,
Chief Clerk.

Poor Law Commission Office, Dublin,
31 January 1842.

No. 7.—EXTRACT from MINUTES of Board of Guardians, 8 February 1842.

(No. 1667 D. 42.)

MOVED by Captain Sinclair, seconded by John Holmes, Esq., and agreed to:—"The Strabane Board of Guardians have the honour of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 31st January 1842, with a statement of expenditure of the loan of 8,300 *l.* the property of the Union.

"The Board of Guardians regret that it is not yet in the power of the Commissioners to furnish an account for building the workhouse, although the contractors seem to have been overpaid in November 1841, it appearing that on the 6th of that month, they had received the sum of 7,050 *l.*, and the state of the premises is far from satisfactory; the roof, the windows, the floors, the gates being all very defective. The Guardians respectfully press upon the Commissioners the necessity of bringing their account to a close, that the ratepayers may be aware of the cause for which they are called upon to pay a tax which is severely felt.

"The Arnott Stove furnished for the laundry is quite useless."

II.—ESTIMATE OF THE FURTHER SUMS PROPOSED TO BE RAISED.

No. 8.—ESTIMATE upon which the Order to Borrow, dated 21st November 1839, was grounded:

	£. s. d.
Amount of contract for building the workhouse - - - - - -	6,885 – –
Estimated cost of fittings and fixtures, &c. - - - - - - -	800 – –
Estimate for contingencies, such as payment of clerk of works' salary, and law expenses, &c. - - - - - - - - - - - -	615 – –
Total Amount ordered to be Borrowed - - - £.	8,300 – –

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Amount which has been realised under the Order:

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
9 April 1840 - - First advance - - -	2,000	–	–			
17 September 1840 - - Second advance - - -	3,000	–	–			
24 December 1840 - - Third advance - - -	3,300	–	–			
				8,300	–	–
Interest and Premium which has accrued on the Exchequer Bills - -				64	10	2
Total - - - £.				8,364	10	2

No. 9.—Summary of Expenditure out of foregoing Loan:

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Site: Compensation to tenant for giving possession - - - -				60	–	–
Building: Instalments paid to contractors for building the workhouse - - - - - - - - -	7,650	–	–			
Furniture - - - - - - - - -	111	8	–			
Ironmongery - - - - - - - - -	90	18	2			
				7,852	6	2
Contingencies:						
Clerk of works' salary - - - - - - -	182	–	3			
Advertising - - - - - - - - -	1	11	6			
Drawing plan of site - - - - - - -	–	5	–			
Costs of Exchequer Bill Loan Commissioners' solicitors for preparing deeds of security for repayment of loan - - - - - - - - -	31	10	–			
Commission on sale of Exchequer Bill - - -	–	1	–			
				215	7	9
				8,127	13	11
Balance in hand - - -				236	16	3
£.				8,384	10	2

No. 10.—Statement showing the further Amount required to be borrowed:

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Builders' Accounts:						
Amount of contract for building - - - - -	6,885	–	–			
Account for fixtures and additional works, as certified	2,338	1	2			
Total amount of contractors' accounts - - - - -				9,223	1	2
Amount of instalments which have been paid - - -				7,650	–	–
Balance due to the Contractors - - -				1,573	1	2
Estimated Amount (the bills not being yet received) of Bills of Costs, in respect of the conveyance of the Site:						
Crown solicitor's costs, on the part of the Commissioners, say	30	–	–			
Grantor's solicitor (the site being a free gift), say - -	30	–	–			
				80	–	–
Total Amounts to be paid - -				1,813	1	2
Balance in hand applicable thereto, as per foregoing summary - -				238	16	3
				1,396	4	11
Add contingencies; as fee on preparation of deed of charge by solicitors of Loan Commissioners, acccording to scale; and to make even sum, Exchequer Bills not being negotiated of less value than 50*l.* - -				53	15	1
Amount of further Loan that will be required - - - £.				1,450	–	–

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III.—STATEMENT OF THE PURPOSES TO WHICH THE FURTHER LOAN IS TO BE APPLIED.

THE further amount to be borrowed is required for the payment of the amounts referred to in the foregoing Statement (No. 10).

The purposes for which the charges in the contractors' account have been incurred, are stated in the following report from the architect; the particulars of the works and charges being specified in detail in the account itself.

No. 11.—REPORT by *George Wilkinson*, Esq. Architect of the Poor Law Commission to the Commissioners.

(No. 6412 D. 42.)

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin, 24 May 1842.

Gentlemen,

ACCOMPANYING is the account of Messrs. Patterson and the late Mr. Catcheside, for the fixtures and other additional works performed at the Strabane Workhouse, in addition to those comprised in their contract for the erection of the building; the total amount of their claim is as follows:—

	£.	s.	d.
Amount of contract - - - - - - -	6,885	–	–
Amount of account for fixtures and additional works, as examined - - - - - -	2,338	1	2½
Total - - £.	9,223	1	2½
Amount of Instalments paid - -	7,650	–	–
Balance due - - £.	1,573	1	2½

The account comprises works in fixtures, consisting of the several boilers, grates, stoves, pumps, lead pipes, crane, dressers, shelves, rails for bedsteads, bell, partition-screen in dining-hall, &c., &c.; walling-in foundations of the building in excess of the contract depths; alteration of the floors of the dormitories for the construction of sleeping platforms, in accordance with the general directions given by your Board; the substitution of deal floors, to the master's and matron's apartments, instead of the earthen floors contracted for; construction of fire-places and chimnies in rooms, to provide for a resident schoolmaster and schoolmistress; additional work in formation of potatoe store by serving room; in shed enclosures, and in formation of clothes stores; additional drains and sewers outside the building, and various other minor works, which are all specified in detail in the account.

The several items of the amount due to the contractors have been adjusted in accordance with the provisions of the contract, and the account carefully examined throughout, both in regard to the quantities and prices; very considerable reductions have been made thereon, in consequence of several of the items charged being determined to have been provided for by the contract; and also in consequence of the quantities charged being found, in some instances, greater than those actually performed, and in some others, the prices have been deemed to be too high.

The sum included in the loan for the execution of the fixtures, and contingent additional works, is 1,415 *l.*, out of which is to be deducted payments for the clerk of works, and for locks, hinges, &c.; the sum now available is, consequently, inadequate to pay the expense incurred; some minor works which had been introduced into other buildings more advanced, having been adopted at the Strabane Workhouse, for the greater convenience of the establishment, after the contract had been concluded.

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In the latter part of the account, it will be seen that considerable charges have been made owing to a change from the site originally contracted for, but under all circumstances, and after a careful consideration of the subject, I am of opinion that the arrangement I have made in respect to this and the other charges in the account is a fair and equitable adjustment.

The cost of the fixtures and additional works has exceeded the cost of those in the Londonderry Union Workhouse, which was built by the same contractors, and from the account of which (then brought to a close) the roughly estimated deficiency of the original loan for Strabane was, last year, stated at 800 *l.*, the account of the contractors not having then been received.

I have to certify that the contractors are entitled to the amount of the account, as above stated, subject to the deduction of the cost of remedying the earthen floors, which have been twice laid by the contractors, but are, I regret to state, still in an unsatisfactory state.

I have, &c.

(signed) *George Wilkinson,*
Architect to the Poor Law Commission.

STRABANE UNION.

CORRESPONDENCE between the POOR LAW COMMISSIONERS and the BOARD OF GUARDIANS of the *Strabane Union*, relative to the Presentation of an Account of the SUMS paid to the Contractors when the House was declared complete.

(Lord Claud Hamilton.)

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